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Magneto has lost the war against ordinary humans for which he sacrificed the well-being of his children. Now he is forced to watch his daughter Wanda, the Scarlet Witch, suffer a loss of control over both her powers and her grip on reality. Quicksilver, Wanda's brother Pietro, pleads with their estranged father to help her.

Mutant leader Charles Xavier, who is unable to help the Scarlet Witch, gathers the Avengers and the X-Men to decide how to proceed. The heroes are not convinced that killing Wanda is the only solution, so they travel to the mutant nation of Genosha to confront her, in the hope of discovering what it is that she wants.

When they get to the island, Wanda is missing, as are Magneto and Pietro.

Then the world burns to white.

HOUSE OF M

Reality as we knew it is gone...

...replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

Through the mysterious powers of a young girl named Layla Miller, a group of heroes have been shown the truth about how life used to be. The heroes react the news in different ways. Hawkeye, overwhelmed by learning of his death and resurrection, disappears. The remaining heroes, led by the mutant Cyclops, head to Genosha to face Magneto in a do-or-die mission, with the fate of the entire world hanging in the balance.

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WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE? WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM US??

DON'T STOP!!
KEEP FIGHTING!!

WE CAN'T LOSE THIS!!

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, ORORO, WE'RE YOUR FAMILY. SO TRY TO TAKE IT A LITTLE EASY ON US.

THIS IS MADNESS!



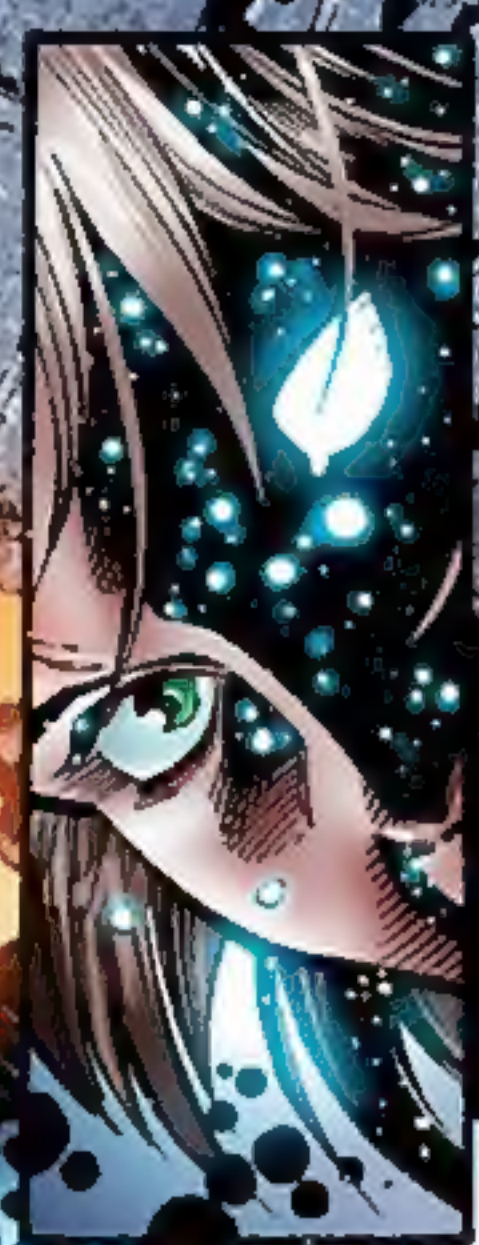
HE'S RIGHT, BOYS!

UNHAND ME, YOU FOUL--

NORMALLY I WOULDN'T DARE RISK USIN' MY MUTANT POWAHS TO SUCK THIS MUCH POWER FROM Y'ALL GUYS LIKE THIS.

BUT WE ARE PLAYIN' TO WIN!

AARRGGHH!!



PIETRO, GET WANDA OUT OF HERE AND GO FIND WHERE FATHER LANDED!!

I CAN ONLY KEEP THE MAGNETIC FIELDS FROM--

TH-THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH HER, LORNA. SHE'S--



WHAT IS THIS? WHAT IS HAPPENING?



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MY SISTER??!!





WANDA.

YOU LOOK WELL.



YOU LOOK VIBRANT, LIKE YOU'RE IN YOUR-- WHAT ARE YOU IN? THE ASTRAL PLANE?



YES.

HOW ARE YOU? I WAS SCARED WE LOST YOU.

WHY?

YOUR BODY SEEMED TO FALL APART DOWN THERE.

OH, THAT WASN'T MY BODY. I DON'T LEAVE THE CHILDREN ALONE.

THAT BODY IS SOMETHING FOR MY FATHER TO SHOW OFF ON OCCASIONS.

MOMMY PLAYS WITH US.

SHOULD I CREATE ANOTHER ONE? DID I UPSET ANYONE?



MAY I PLAY TOO?

OF COURSE.

IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN. I MISS OUR TALKS.

YOU REMEMBER ME?

REMEMBER YOU? YOU WERE THERE AT THE BIRTH OF MY CHILDREN.

HOW DID YOU FIND YOURSELF HERE IN GENOSHA, DOCTOR?



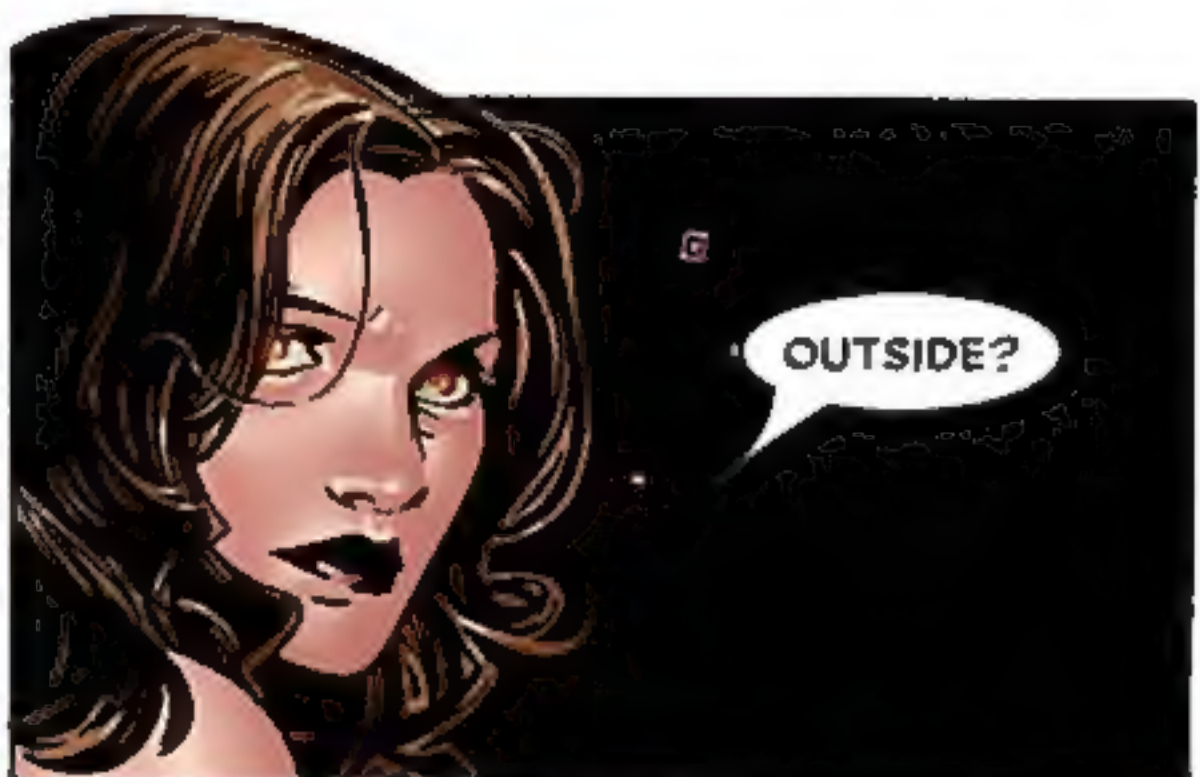
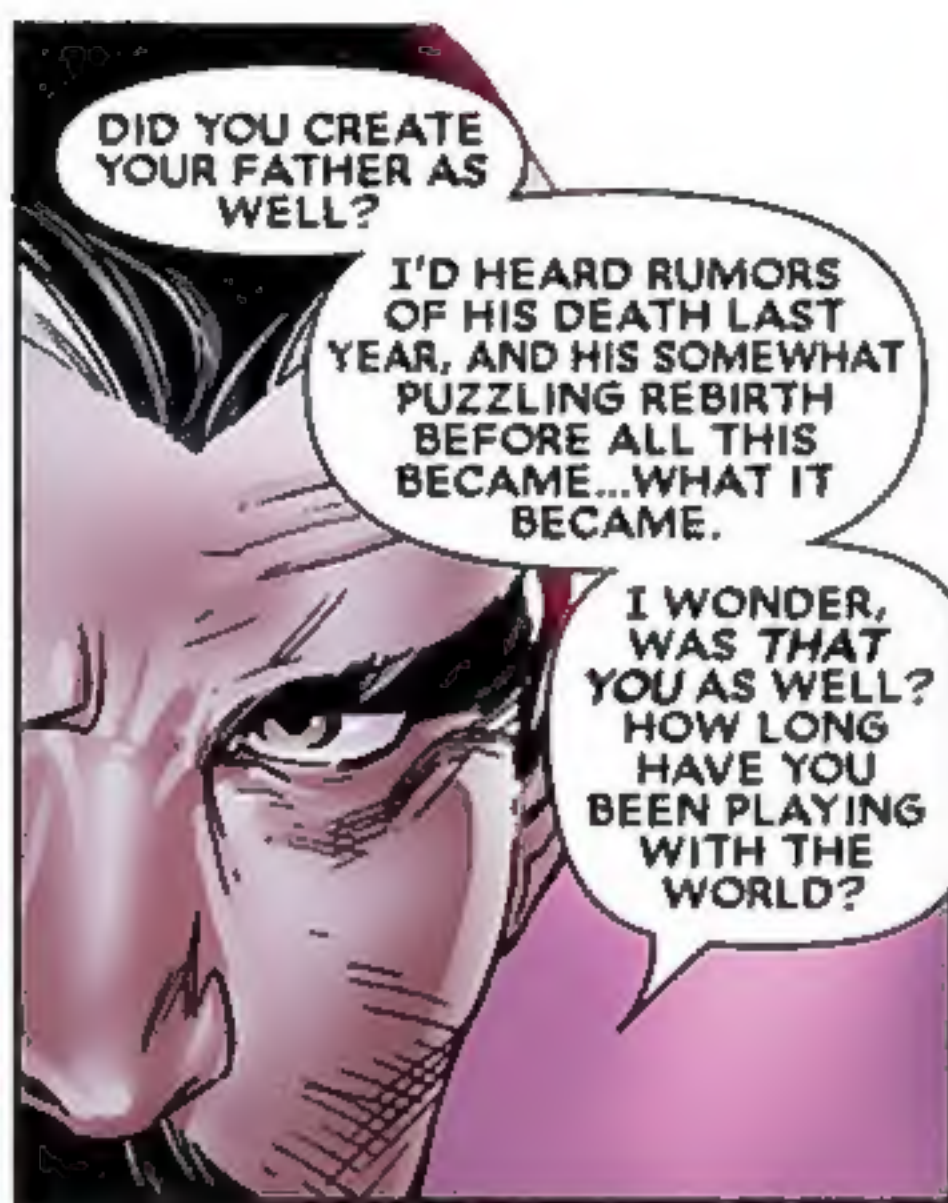
YOU BROUGHT US HERE, WANDA.

YOU CREATED YOUNG LAYLA MILLER TO BRING US HERE.

I DID?



I DON'T KNOW WHO THAT IS.





TSK.
NO ONE
SHOULD BE
FIGHTING.



ARE
YOU SAD,
MOMMY?

WELL, SWEETY,
THE PURPOSE OF ALL OF
THIS WAS THAT THERE
WOULD BE NO MORE
FIGHTING.

BUT NO
MATTER WHAT
I DO...THERE'S
ALWAYS
FIGHTING.

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
PEOPLE, I REALLY
DON'T.

HE SAID...
WE COULD ALL
BE HAPPY.



WANDA?
HOW
DID YOUR
FATHER DO
THIS? WHERE'S
CHARLES
XAVIER?

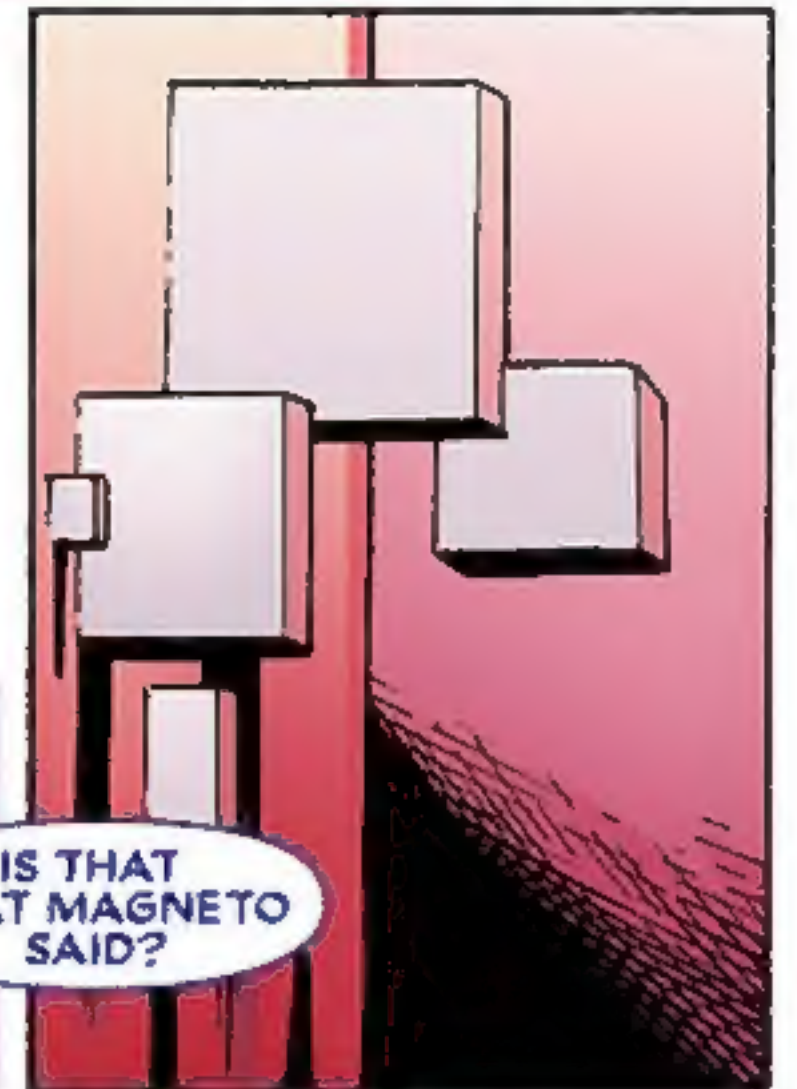


HE JUST
WANTED
ME TO BE
HAPPY.

HE WANTED
ALL OF US TO
BE HAPPY.



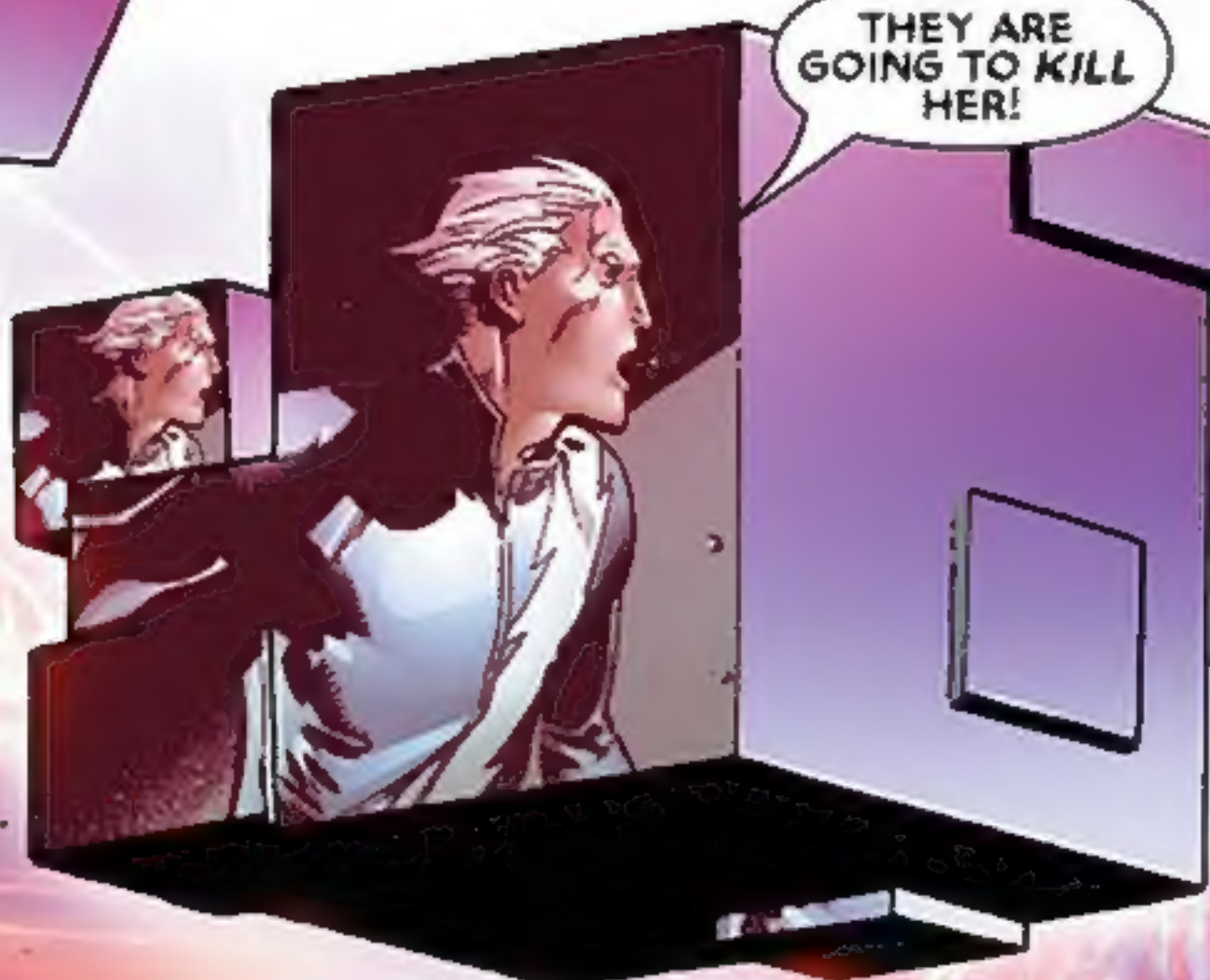
IS THAT
WHAT MAGNETO
SAID?



IT'S--

IT'S MORE
COMPLICATED
THAN THAT,
DOCTOR.

YOU HAVE
TO UNDERSTAND--
HE WAS TRYING
TO SAVE ME.



THEY ARE
GOING TO KILL
HER!







THEY'RE
GOING TO
KILL HER!!



WHAT
WOULD YOU
HAVE ME
DO??!!

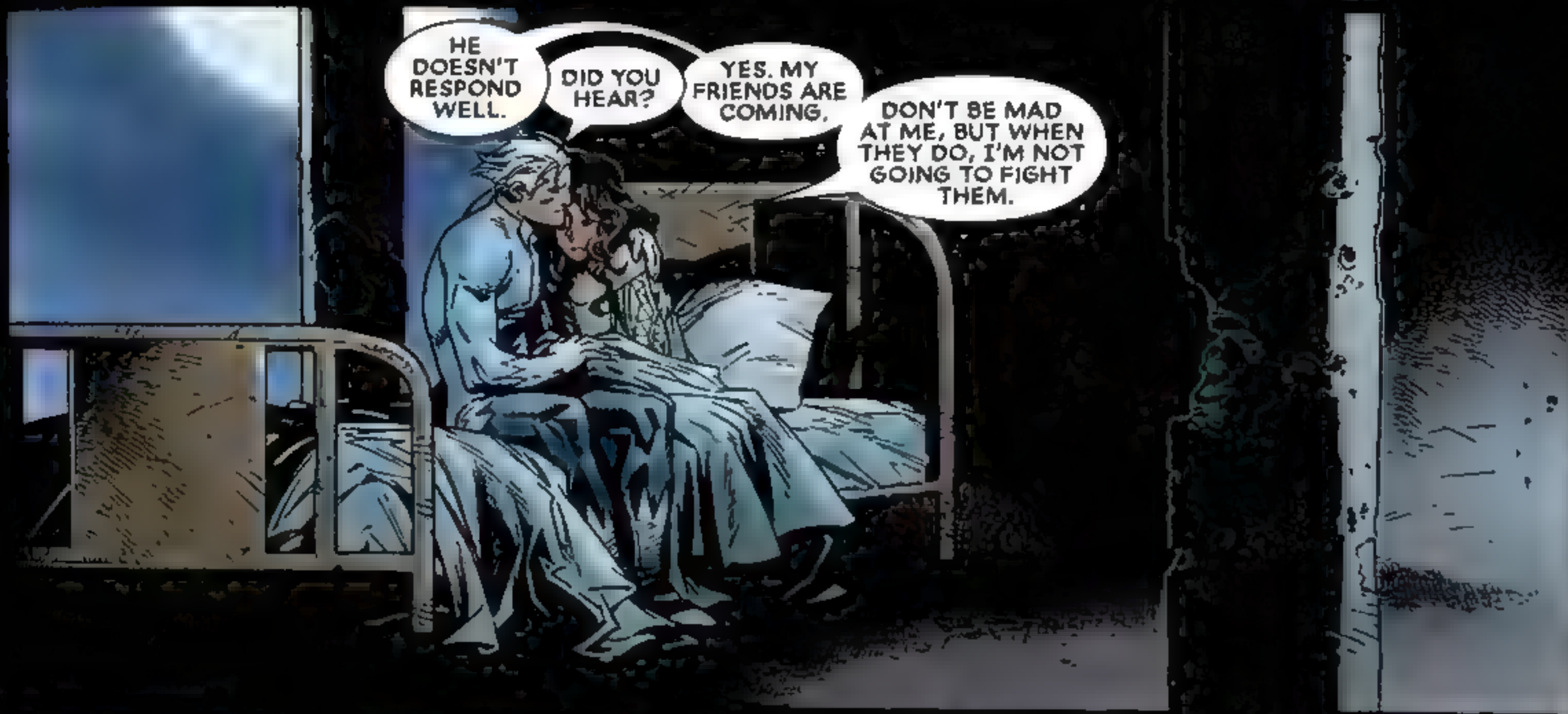


AGGHHUH!



YOU
SHOULDN'T
YELL AT HIM,
PIETRO.





HE DOESN'T RESPOND WELL.

DID YOU HEAR?

YES. MY FRIENDS ARE COMING.

DON'T BE MAD AT ME, BUT WHEN THEY DO, I'M NOT GOING TO FIGHT THEM.



I'LL TAKE YOU FROM HERE.

AND THEY'LL FOLLOW.

NO.

I WILL FIGHT THEM FOR YOU. I WON'T LET THEM TAKE YOU FROM ME AGAIN. I WON'T-- I--

IT'S OVER.

NO.

IT SHOULD HAVE ENDED MONTHS AGO.

AM I A COWARD...

...FOR NOT WANTING TO KILL MYSELF?

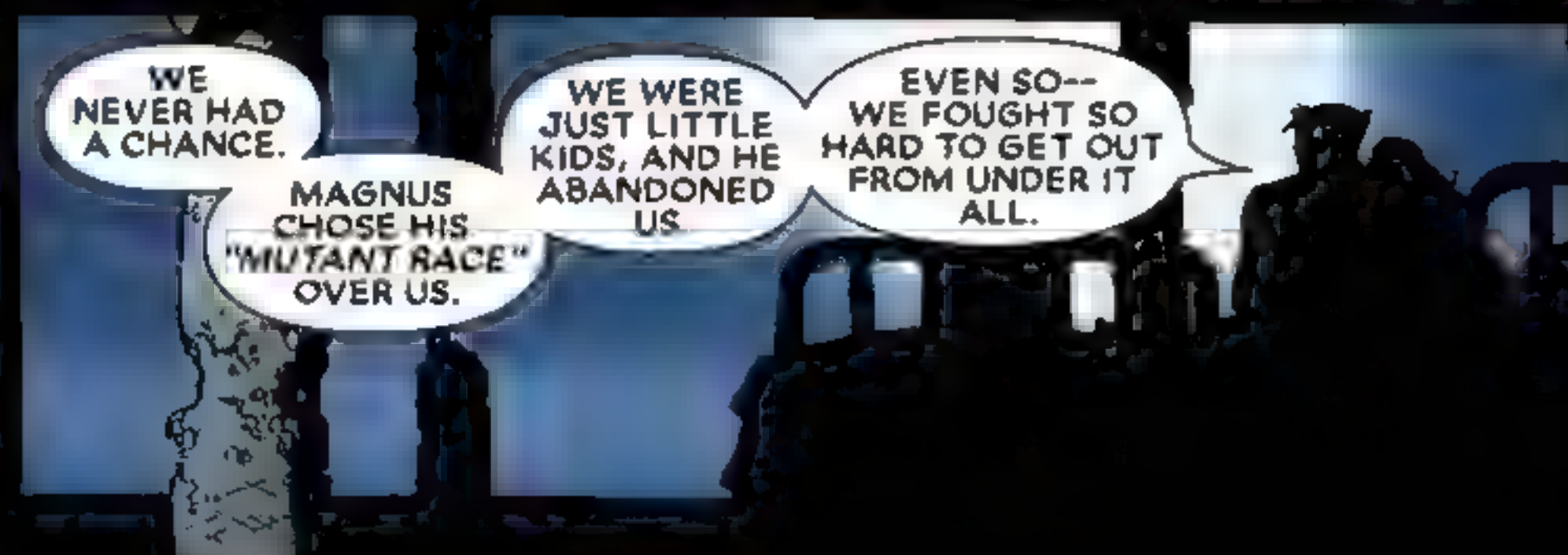
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW I SHOULD?



IT'LL BE OVER SOON.

I CAN ALREADY HEAR XAVIER'S VOICE IN MY HEAD. HE'S CHECKING ON ME.

(I WISH I COULD TELL IF ANY OF THIS WAS REAL.)



WE NEVER HAD A CHANCE.

MAGNUS CHOSE HIS "MUTANT RACE" OVER US.

WE WERE JUST LITTLE KIDS, AND HE ABANDONED US.

EVEN SO-- WE FOUGHT SO HARD TO GET OUT FROM UNDER IT ALL.



HOW WAS IT SUPPOSED TO BE?

WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE A FAMILY.

YES.

WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE GREAT HEROES.

WE WERE, FOR A BIT.

I LIKED BEING AN AVENGER MORE THAN I EVER SAID.

ME TOO. AND LOOK WHAT I DID TO THEM.

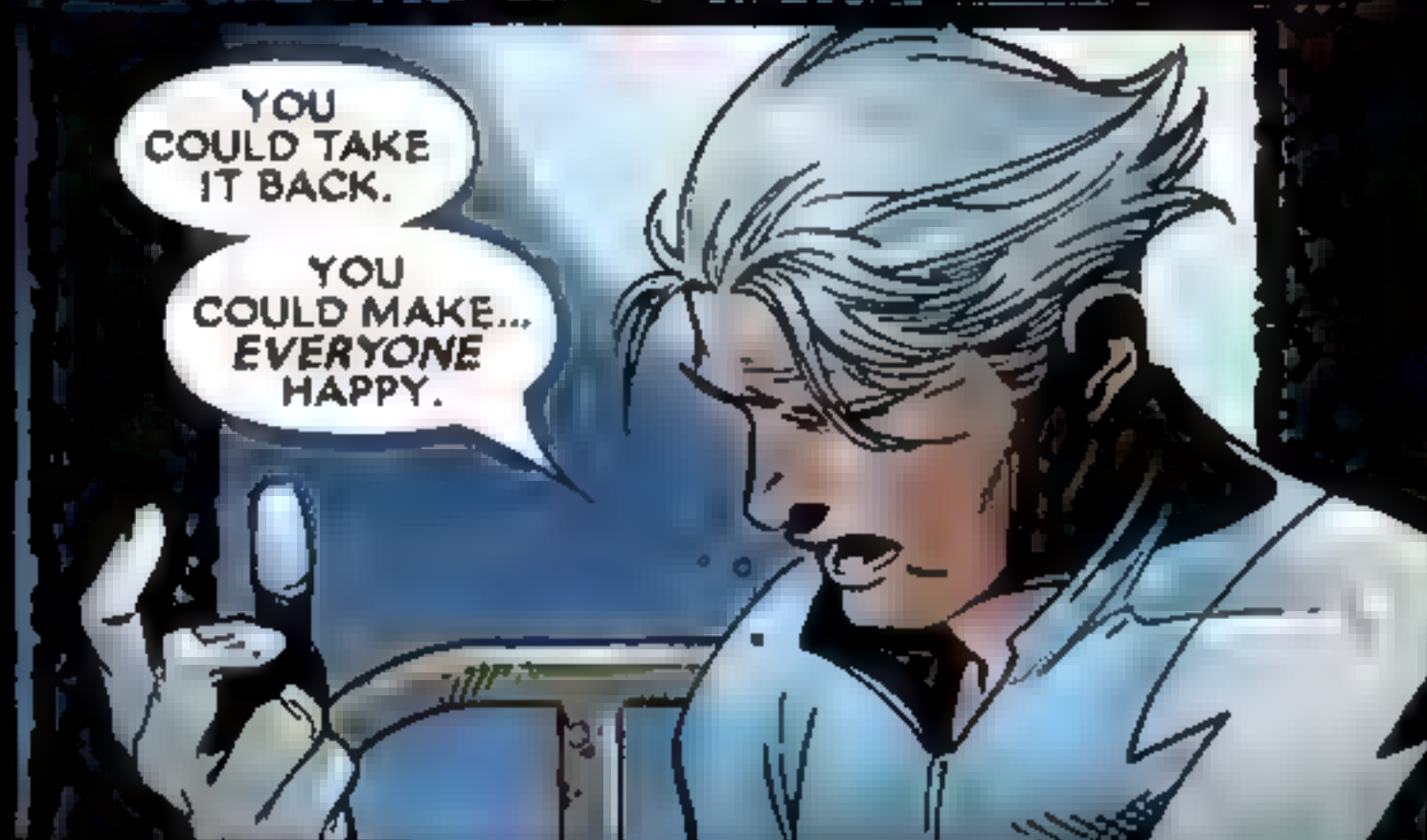
I WOULD DO ANYTHING TO TAKE IT BACK.



YOU COULD--



WHAT?

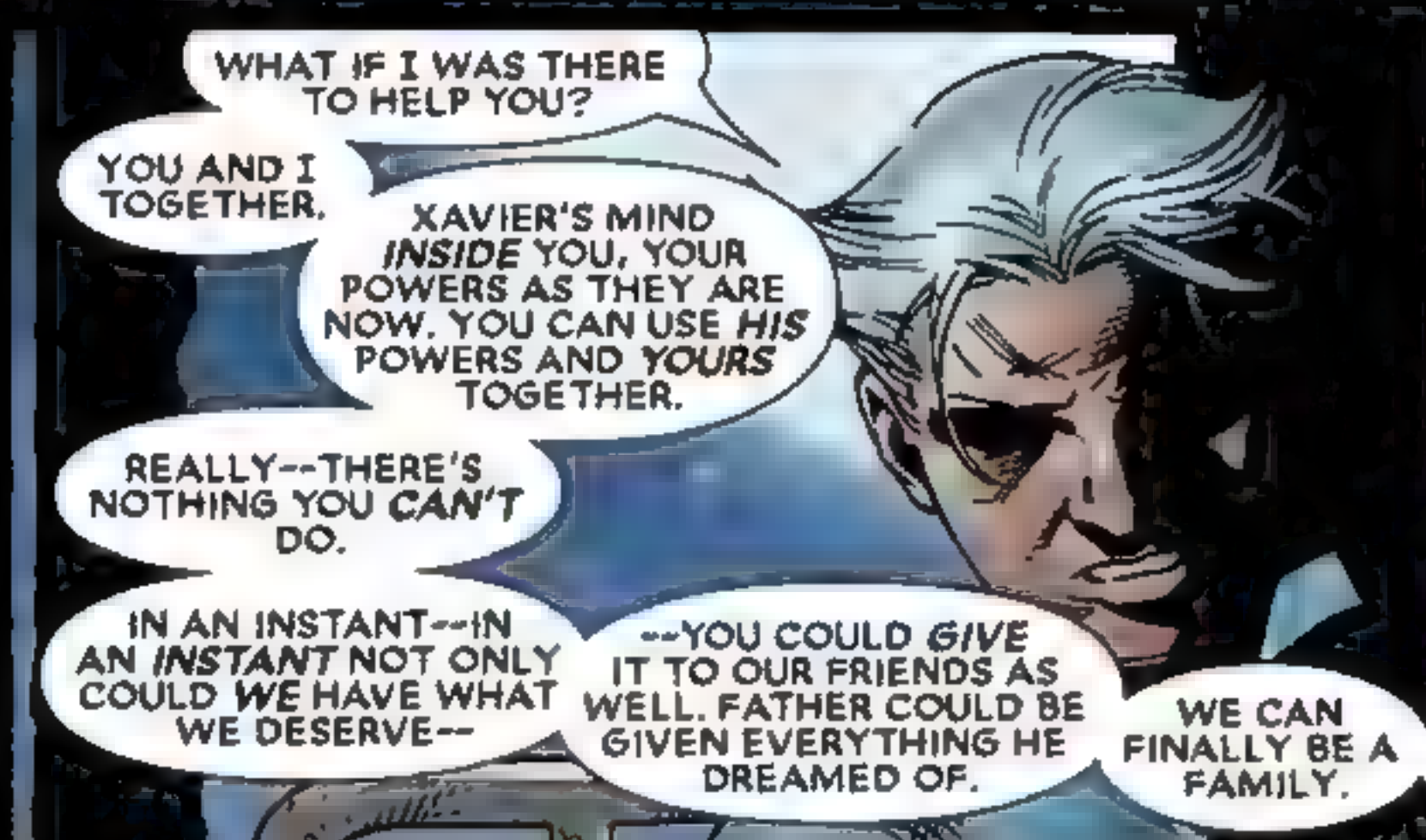


YOU COULD TAKE IT BACK.

YOU COULD MAKE... EVERYONE HAPPY.



I CAN'T CONTROL IT.



WHAT IF I WAS THERE TO HELP YOU?

YOU AND I TOGETHER.

XAVIER'S MIND INSIDE YOU, YOUR POWERS AS THEY ARE NOW. YOU CAN USE HIS POWERS AND YOURS TOGETHER.

REALLY--THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN'T DO.

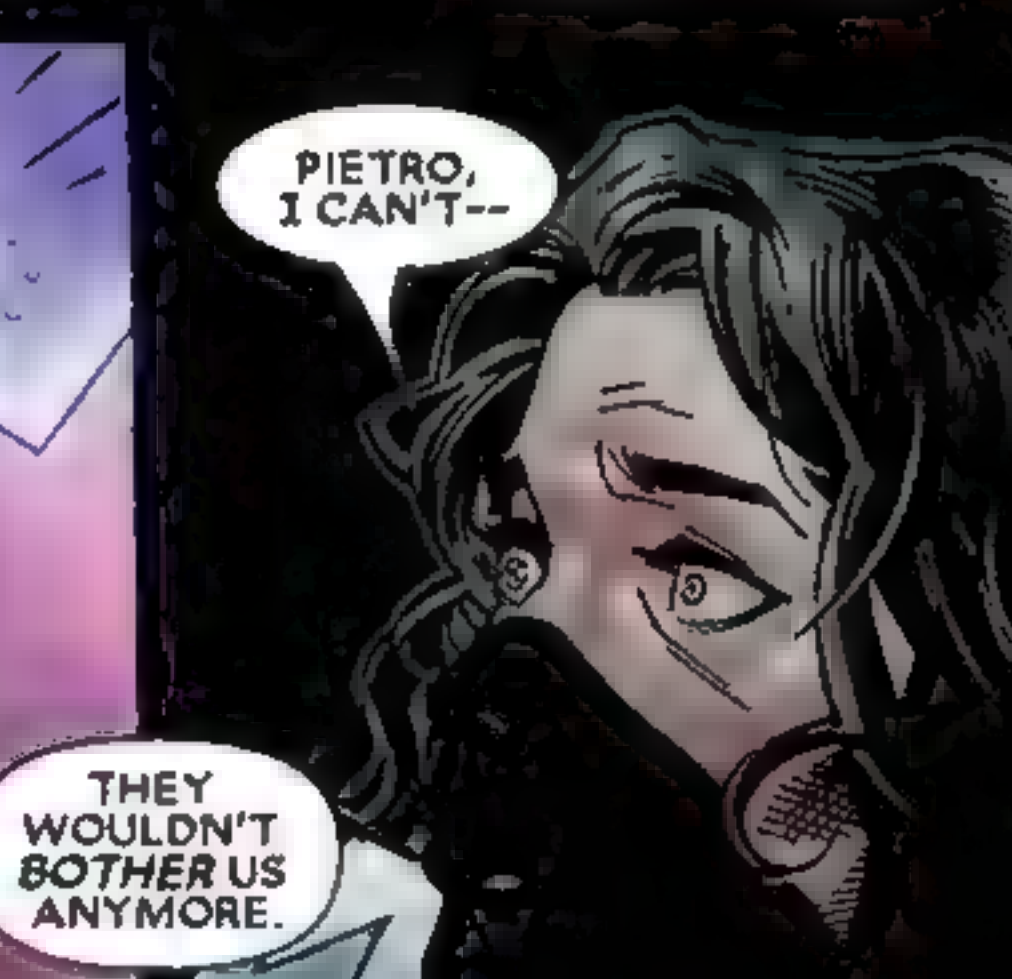
IN AN INSTANT--IN AN INSTANT NOT ONLY COULD WE HAVE WHAT WE DESERVE--

--YOU COULD GIVE IT TO OUR FRIENDS AS WELL. FATHER COULD BE GIVEN EVERYTHING HE DREAMED OF.

WE CAN FINALLY BE A FAMILY.



THEY'D ALL BE HAPPY.



PIETRO, I CAN'T--

THEY WOULDN'T BOTHER US ANYMORE.



WE BECAME--THE REASON WE BECAME AVENGERS WAS TO TRY TO CHANGE THINGS... FOR THE BETTER.

YOU CAN CHANGE THINGS.

FOR THE BETTER. PERMANENTLY. WITHOUT FIGHTING.

RIGHT NOW.

YOU CAN MAKE ANYONE YOU'VE EVER LOVED HAPPY.



WHY WOULD YOU BE GIVEN ALL THIS POWER IF NOT FOR THIS REASON?

IT MIGHT BE THAT THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO.

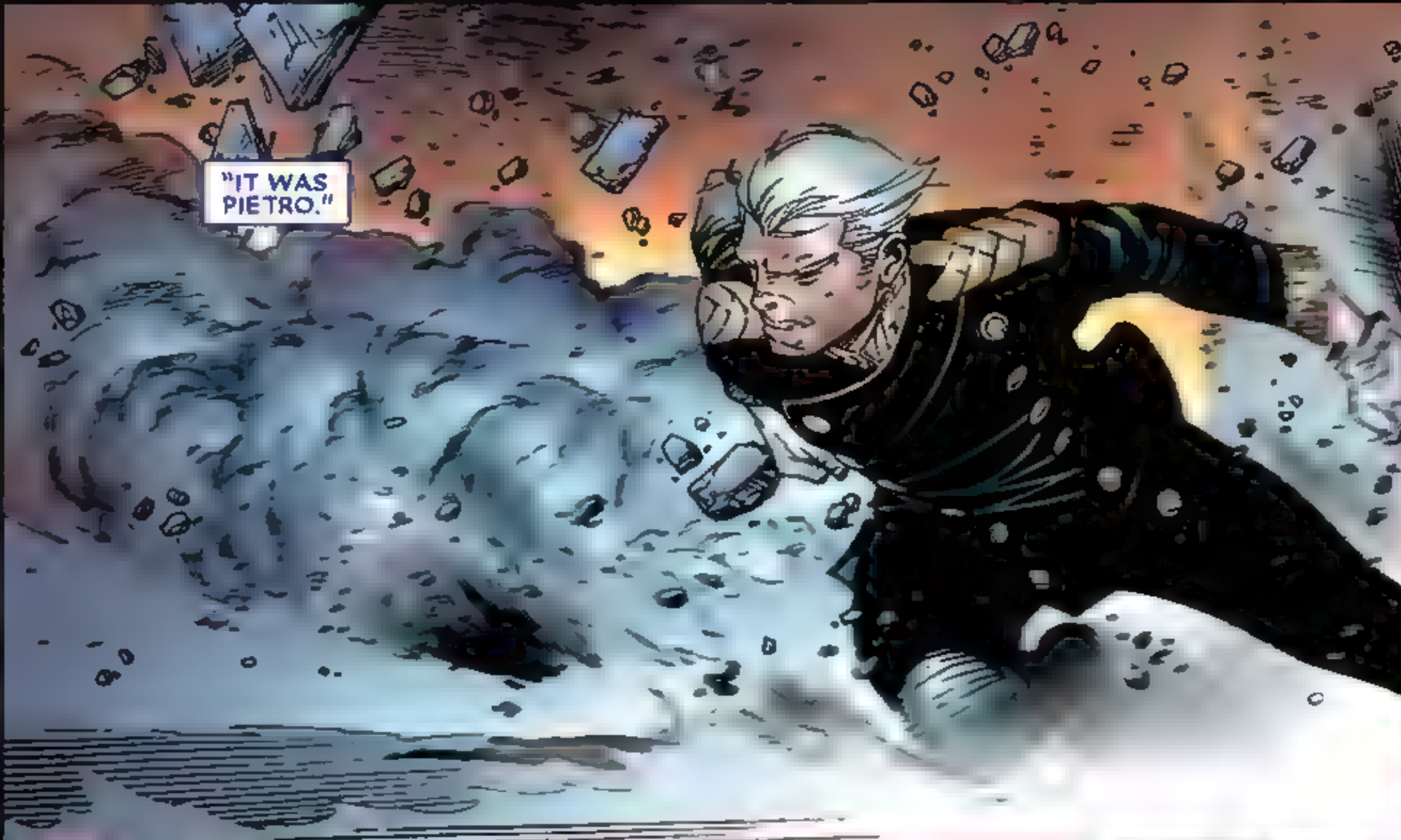


AND IF YOU DON'T--WANDA-- IF YOU DON'T, THEY'LL KILL YOU.

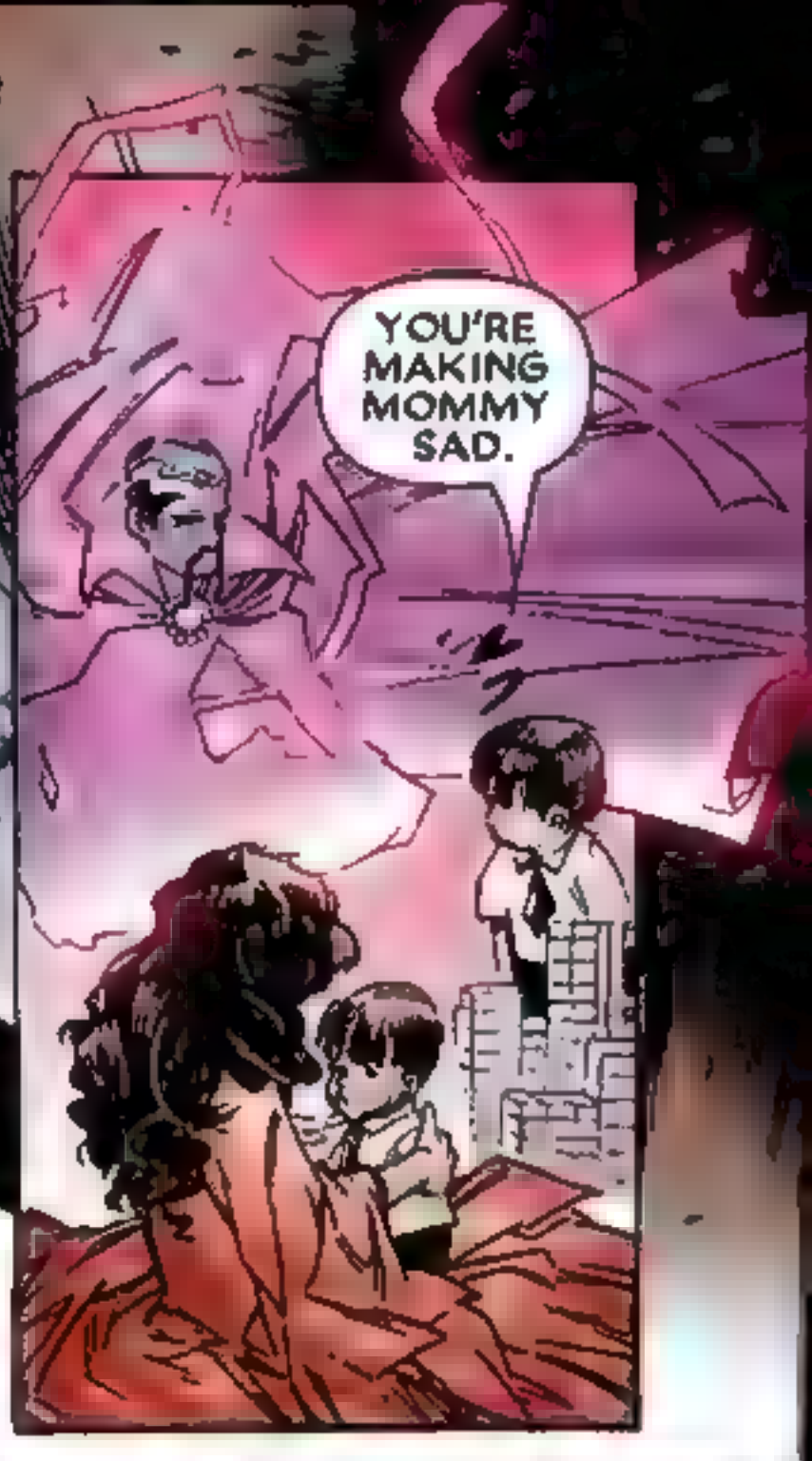
AND WE'LL NEVER BE TOGETHER EVER AGAIN.



IT WASN'T MAGNETO.



"IT WAS PIETRO."



YOU'RE MAKING MOMMY SAD.



EMMA, ARE YOU LISTENING?



ASK HER ABOUT XAVIER.

WE NEED TO FIND XAVIER.



MS. FROST, WHO ARE YOU--?

LAYLA, SHH. DOCTOR, ASK HER ABOUT THE--

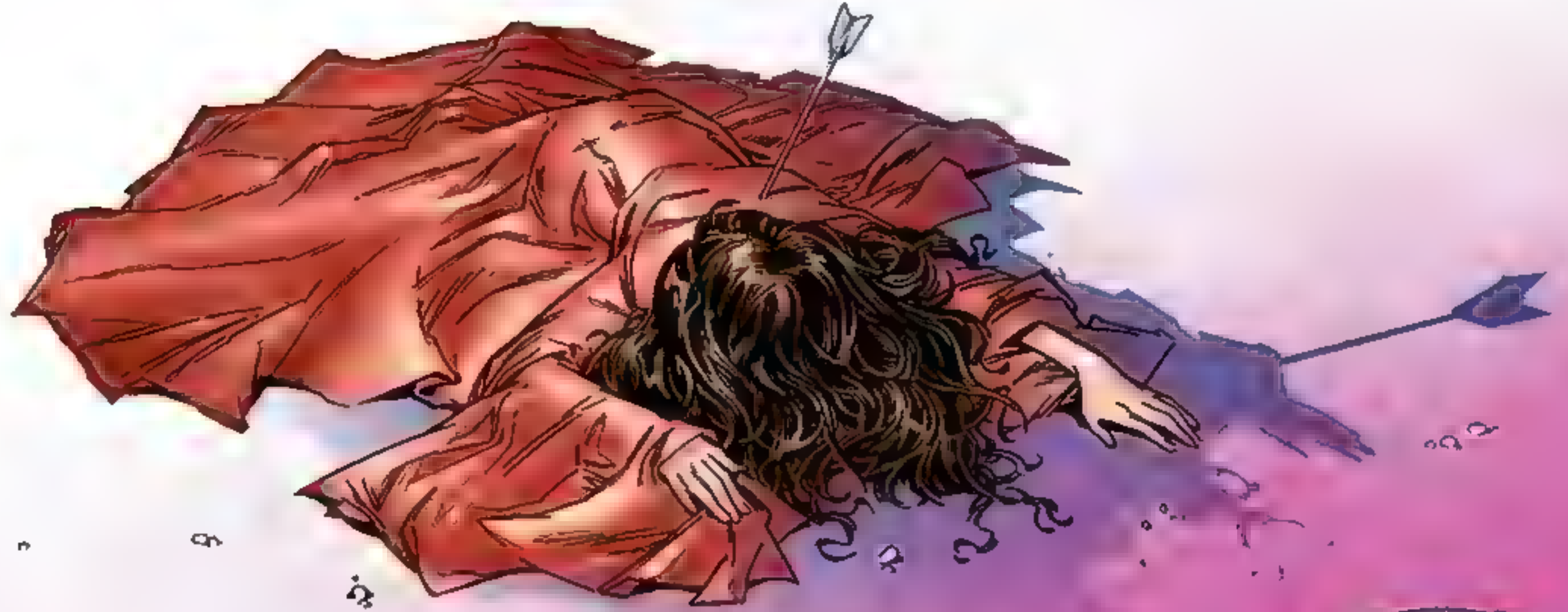


WANDA, WHERE IS CHARLES--?



CHUNK





MOMMY?

OH MY
GOD...

MS.
FROST?

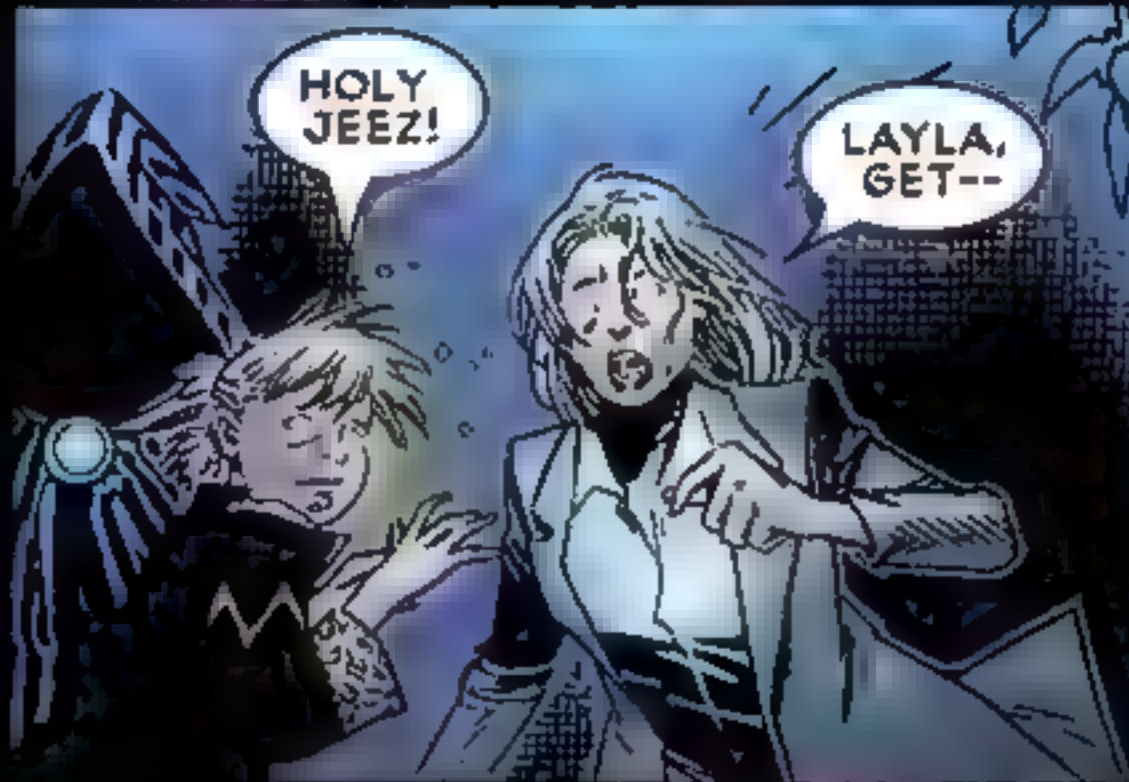
WHO
ARE YOU?

AND WHY
ARE YOU
BOTHERING
MY FAMILY?



HOLY
JEEZ!

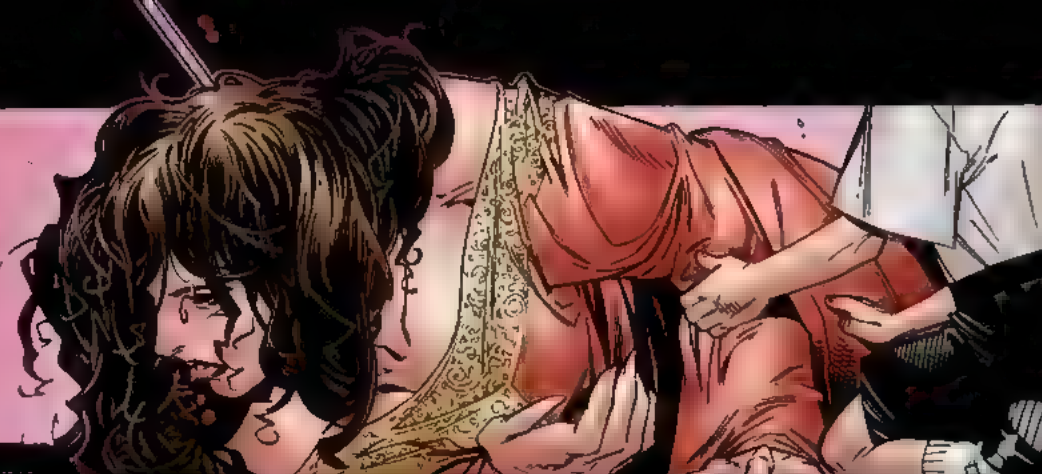
LAYLA,
GET--



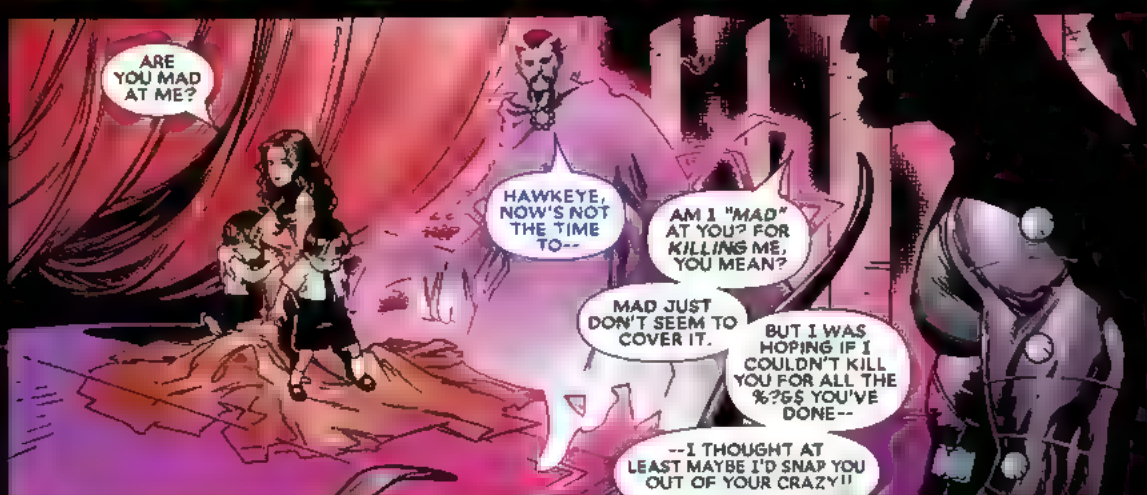


CLINT BARTON

WHY DID YOU DO THAT?



WHY??
YOU'RE ASKING ME WHY?!!



ARE YOU MAD AT ME?

HAWKEYE, NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO--

AM I "MAD" AT YOU? FOR KILLING ME, YOU MEAN?

MAD JUST DON'T SEEM TO COVER IT.

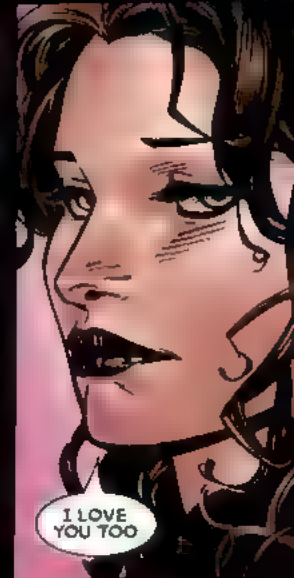
BUT I WAS Hoping IF I COULDN'T KILL YOU FOR ALL THE %\$% YOU'VE DONE--

--I THOUGHT AT LEAST MAYBE I'D SNAP YOU OUT OF YOUR CRAZY!!



WE WERE FRIENDS, WANDA TEAMMATES.

I TRULY LOVED YOU I'D KILL FOR YOU.

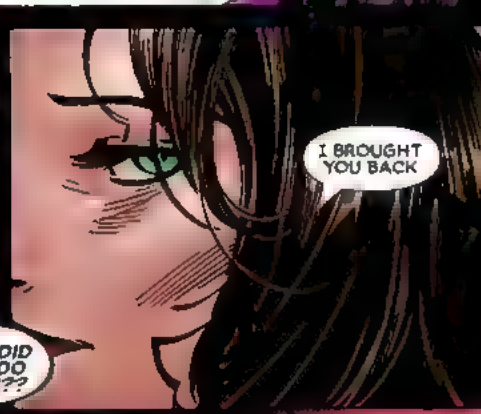


I LOVE YOU TOO



THEN WHY DID YOU KILL ME?!!

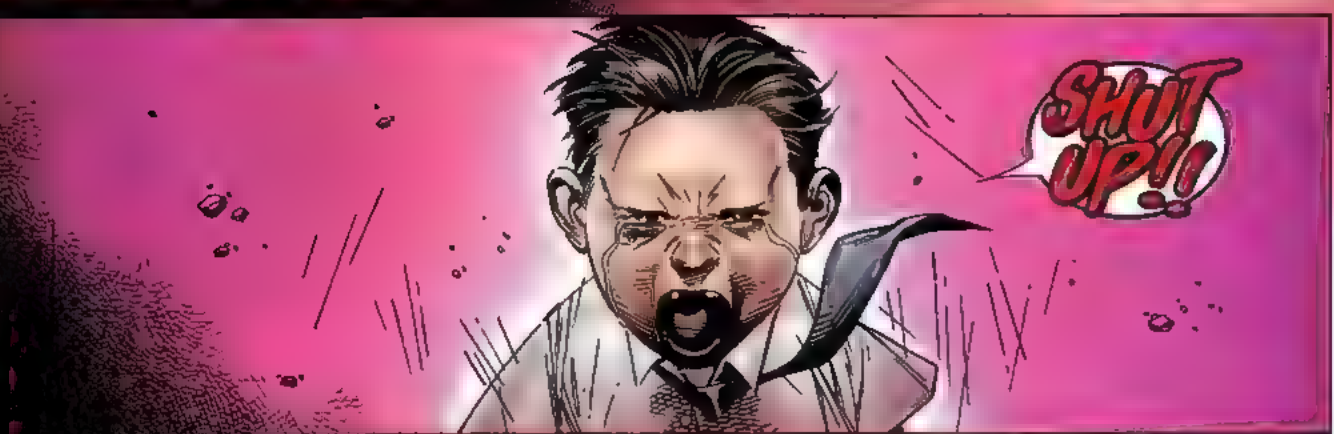
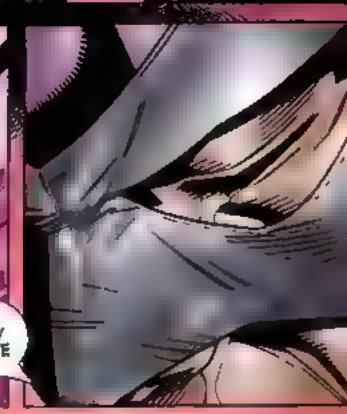
WHY DID YOU DO THIS??



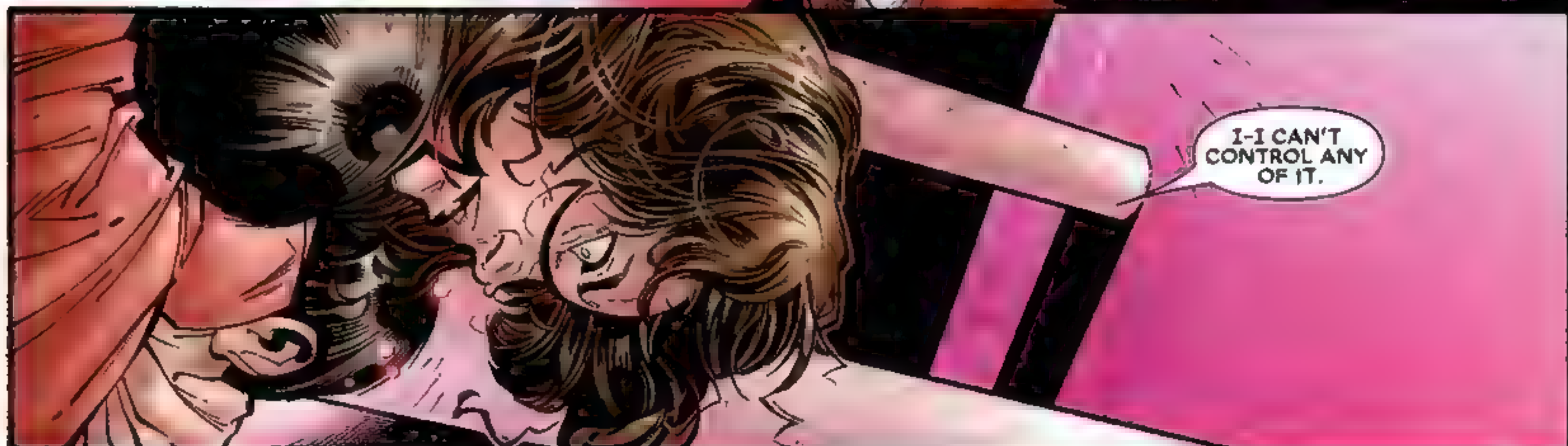
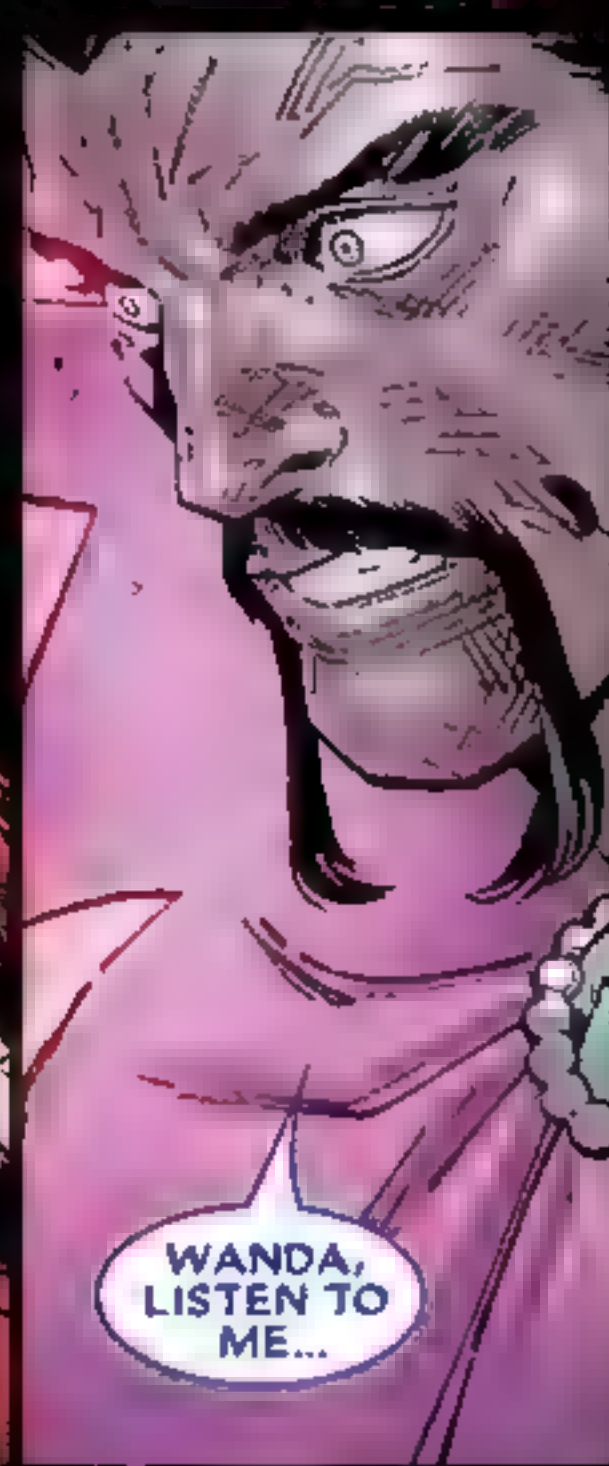
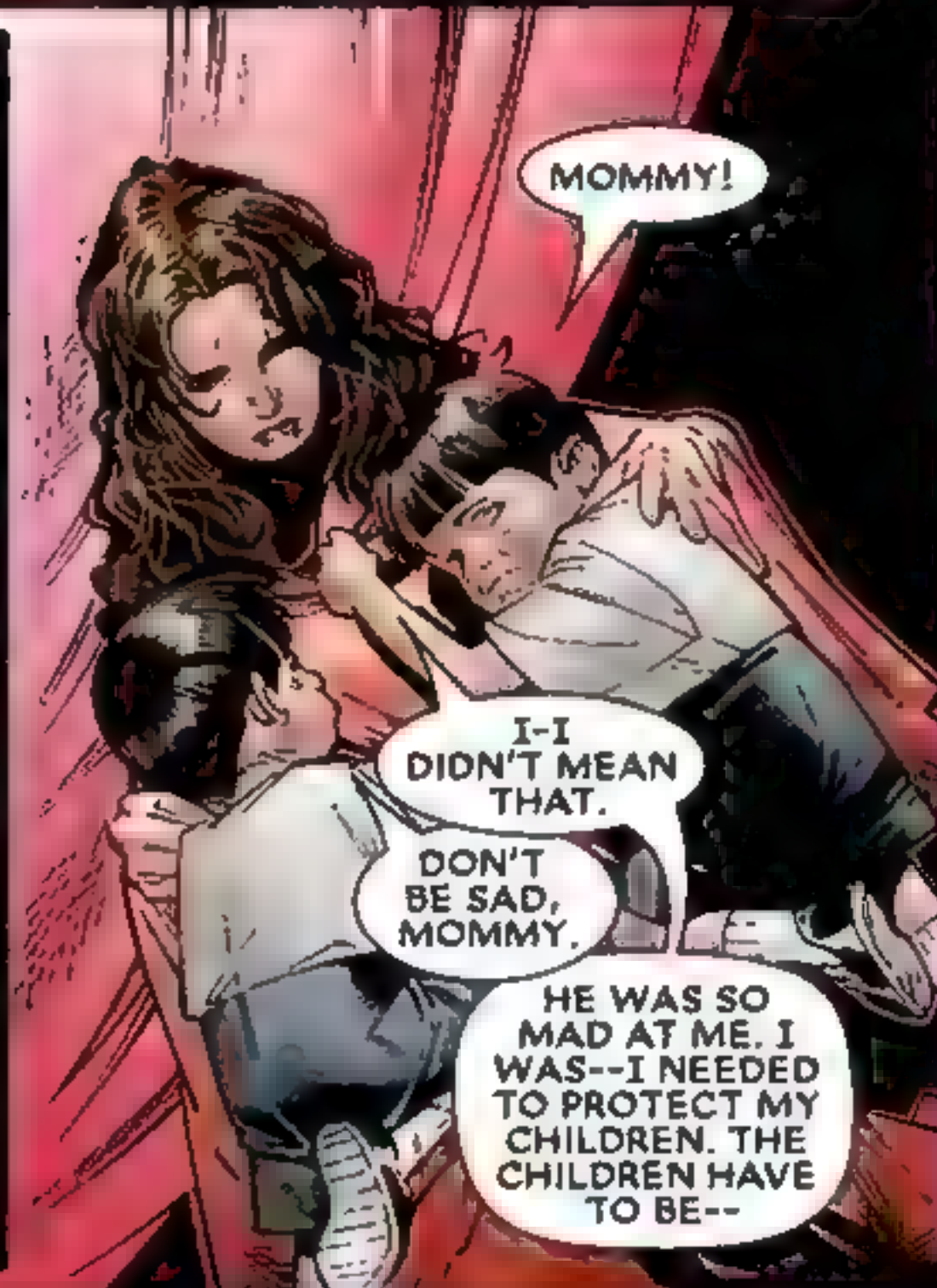
I BROUGHT YOU BACK



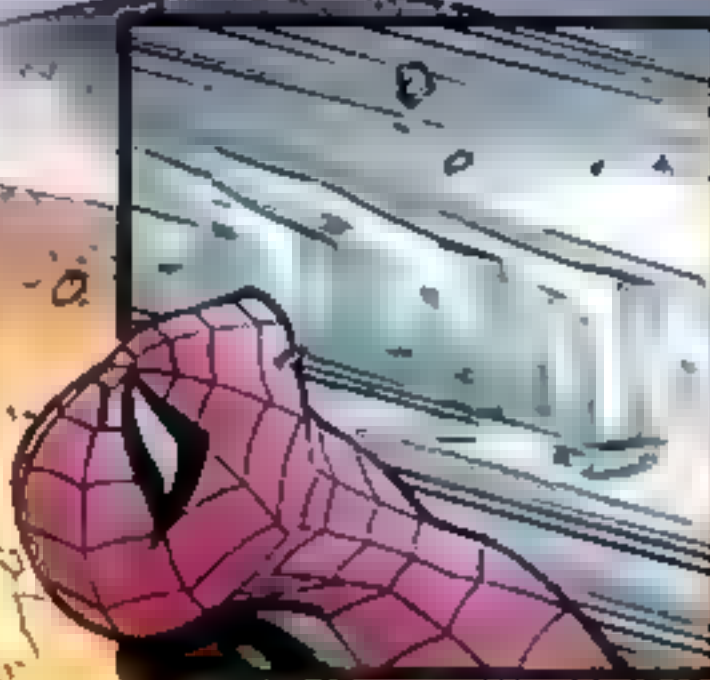
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE--



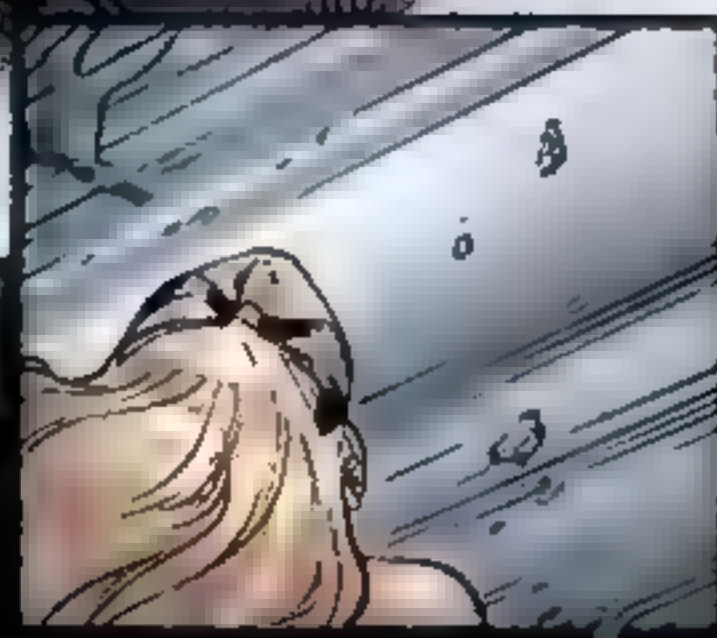
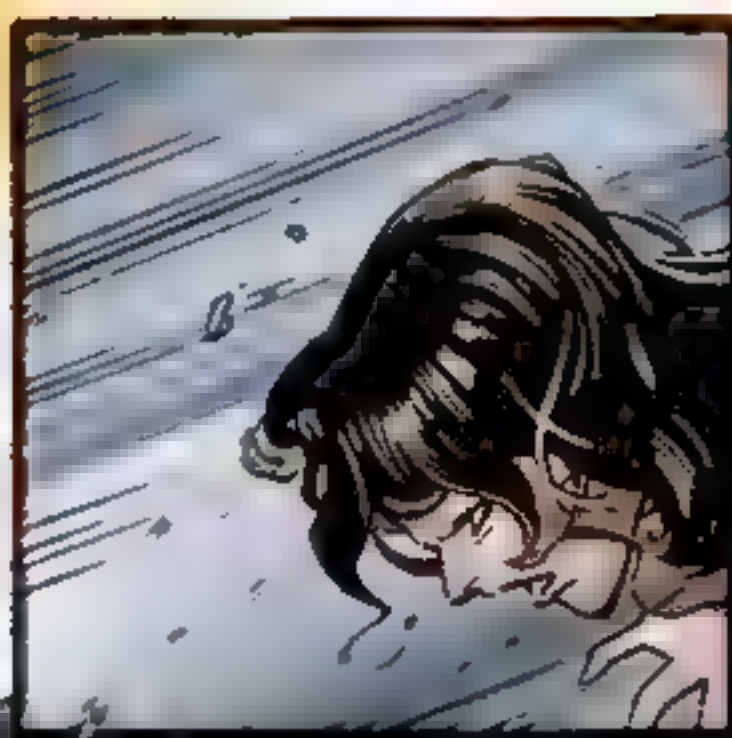
SHUT UP!!



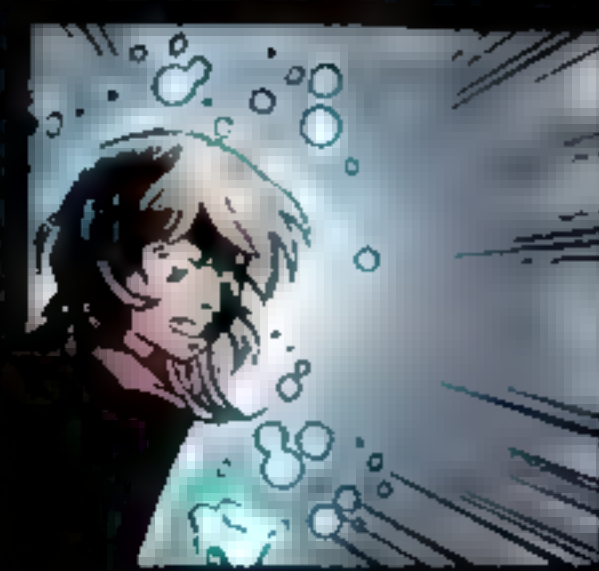
WATCH
OUT FOR--



--PIET--



--RO!!

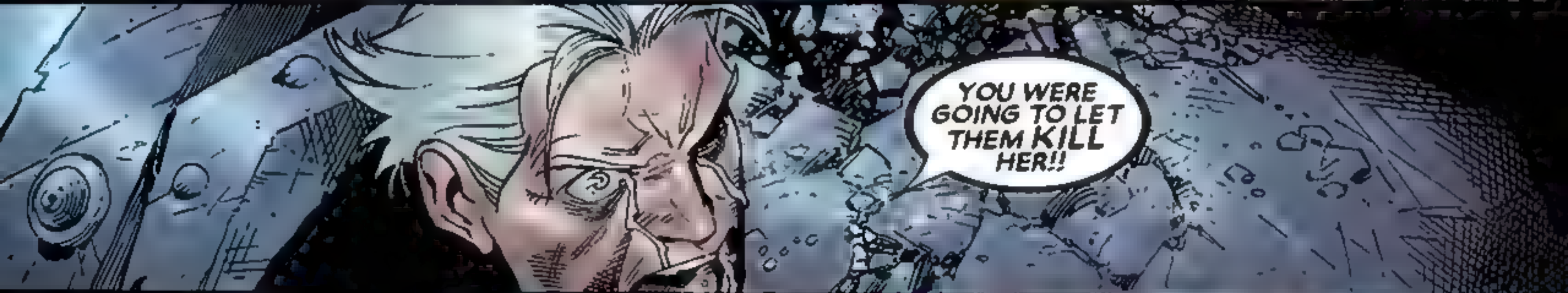


THIS
ENDS!!

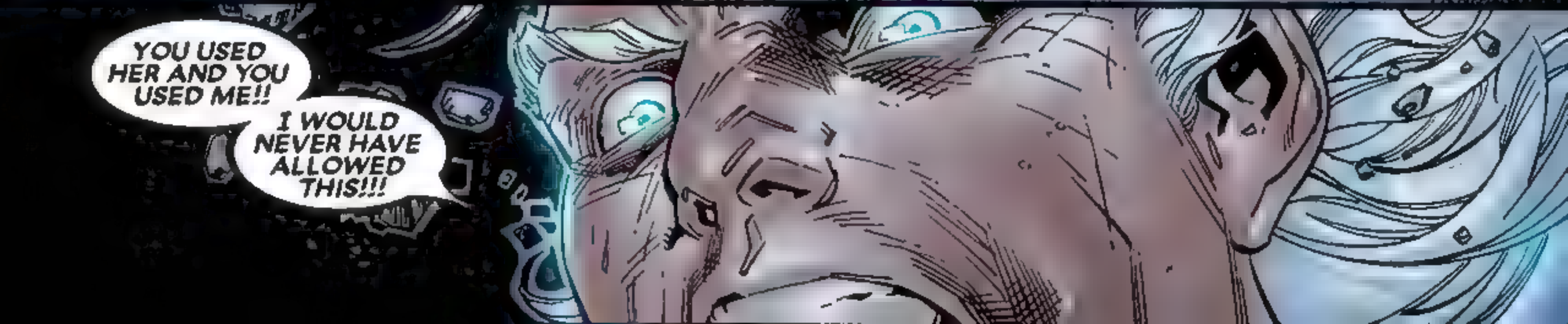




WHAT HAVE YOU DONE IN MY NAME, BOY!!??

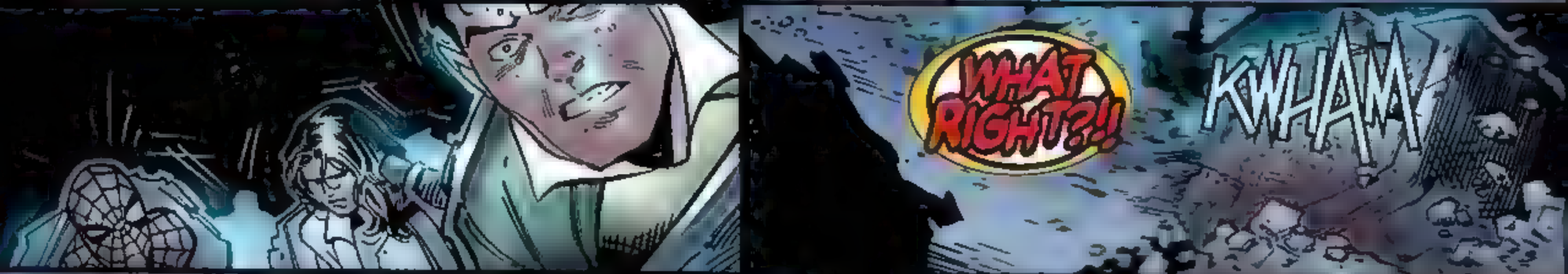
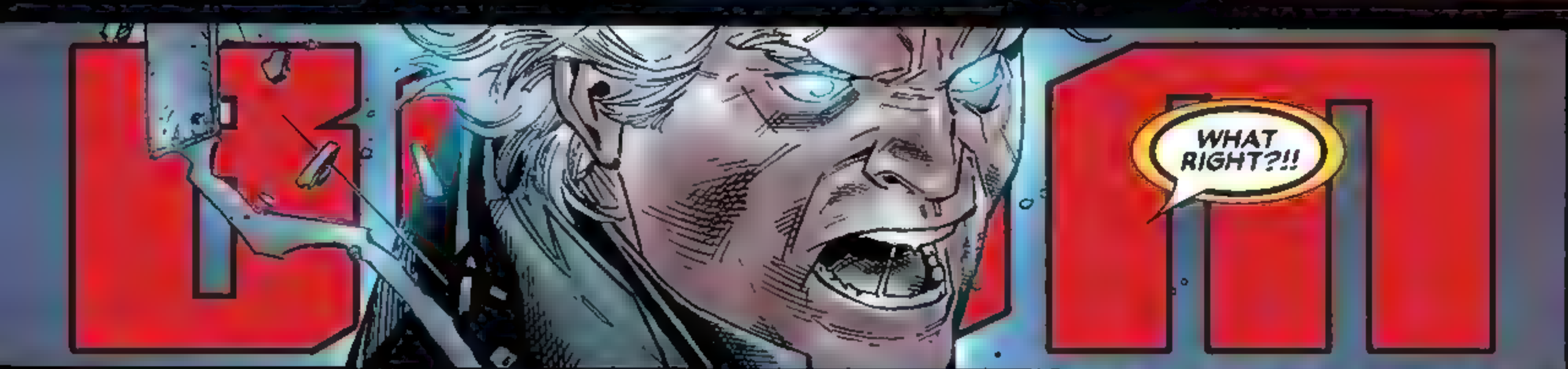
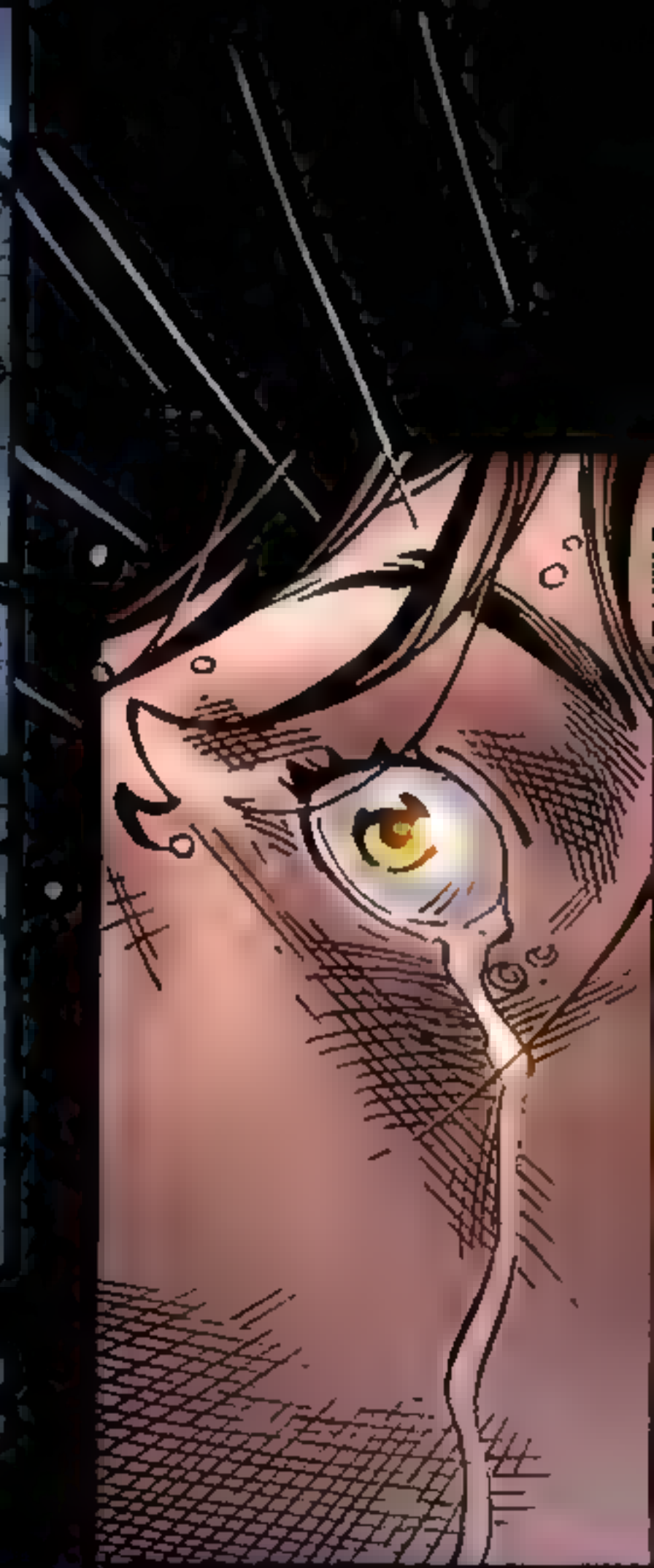


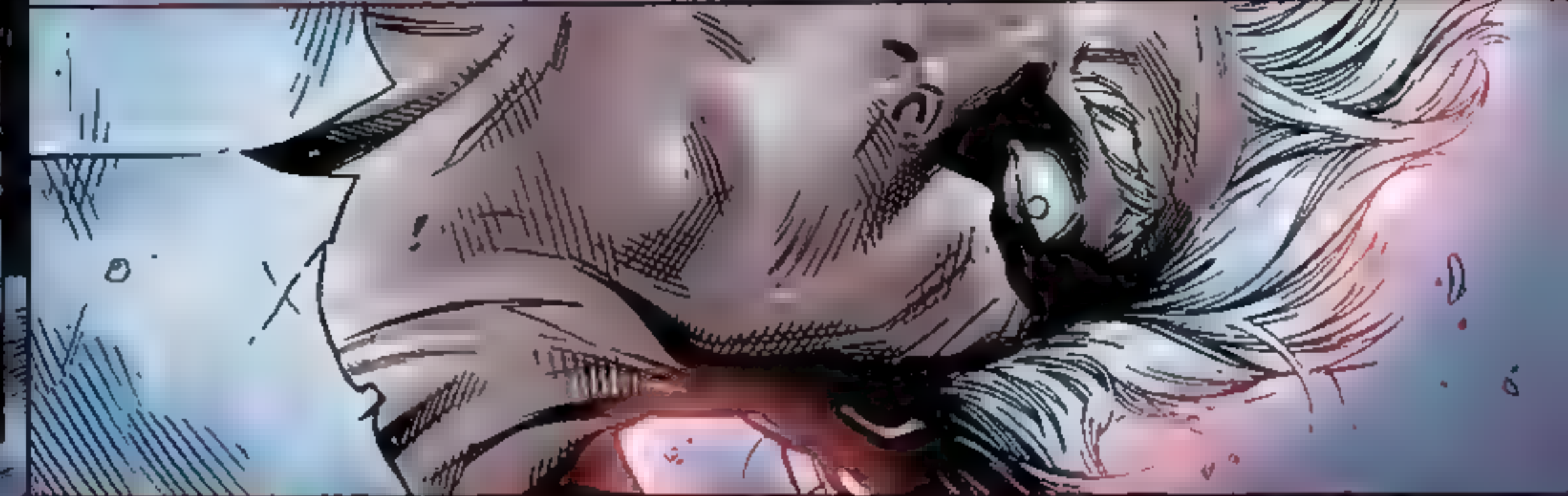
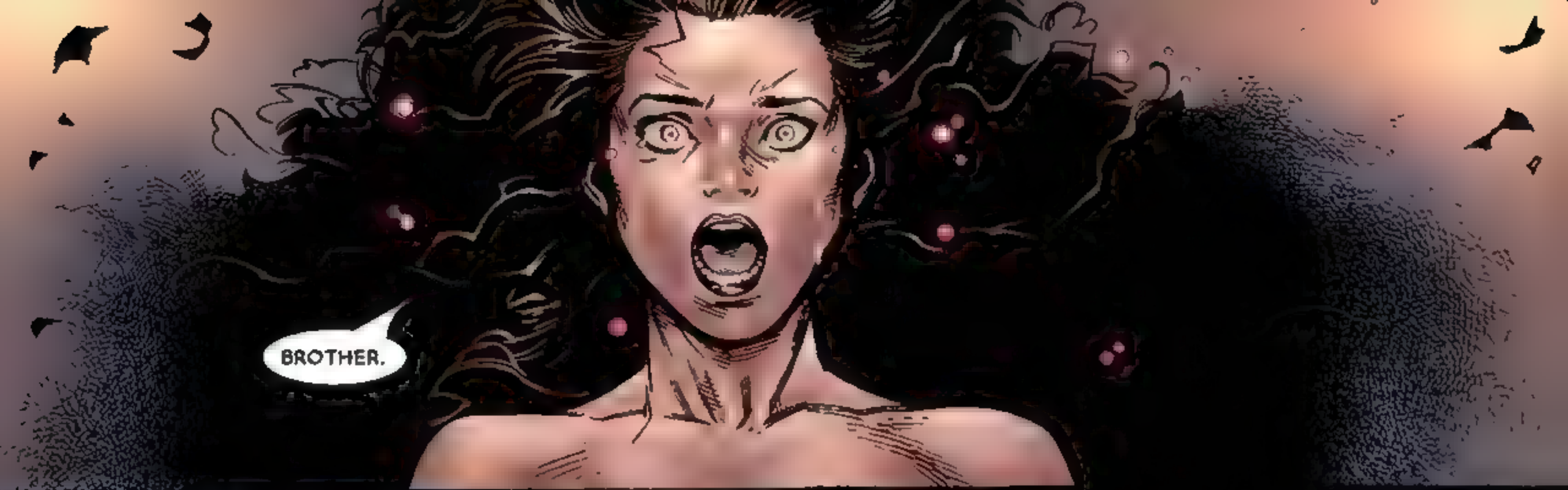
YOU WERE GOING TO LET THEM KILL HER!!

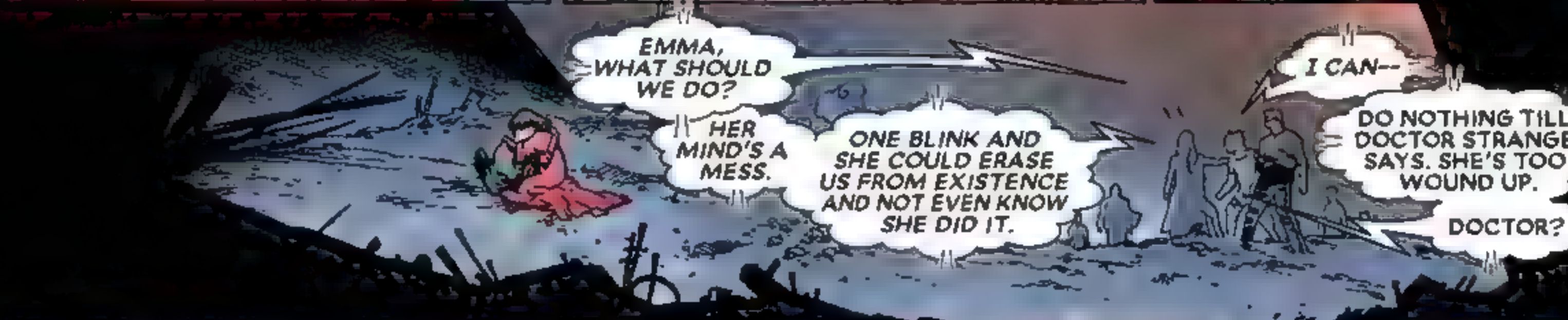


YOU USED HER AND YOU USED ME!!

I WOULD NEVER HAVE ALLOWED THIS!!!







EMMA,
WHAT SHOULD
WE DO?

HER
MIND'S A
MESS.

ONE BLINK AND
SHE COULD ERASE
US FROM EXISTENCE
AND NOT EVEN KNOW
SHE DID IT.

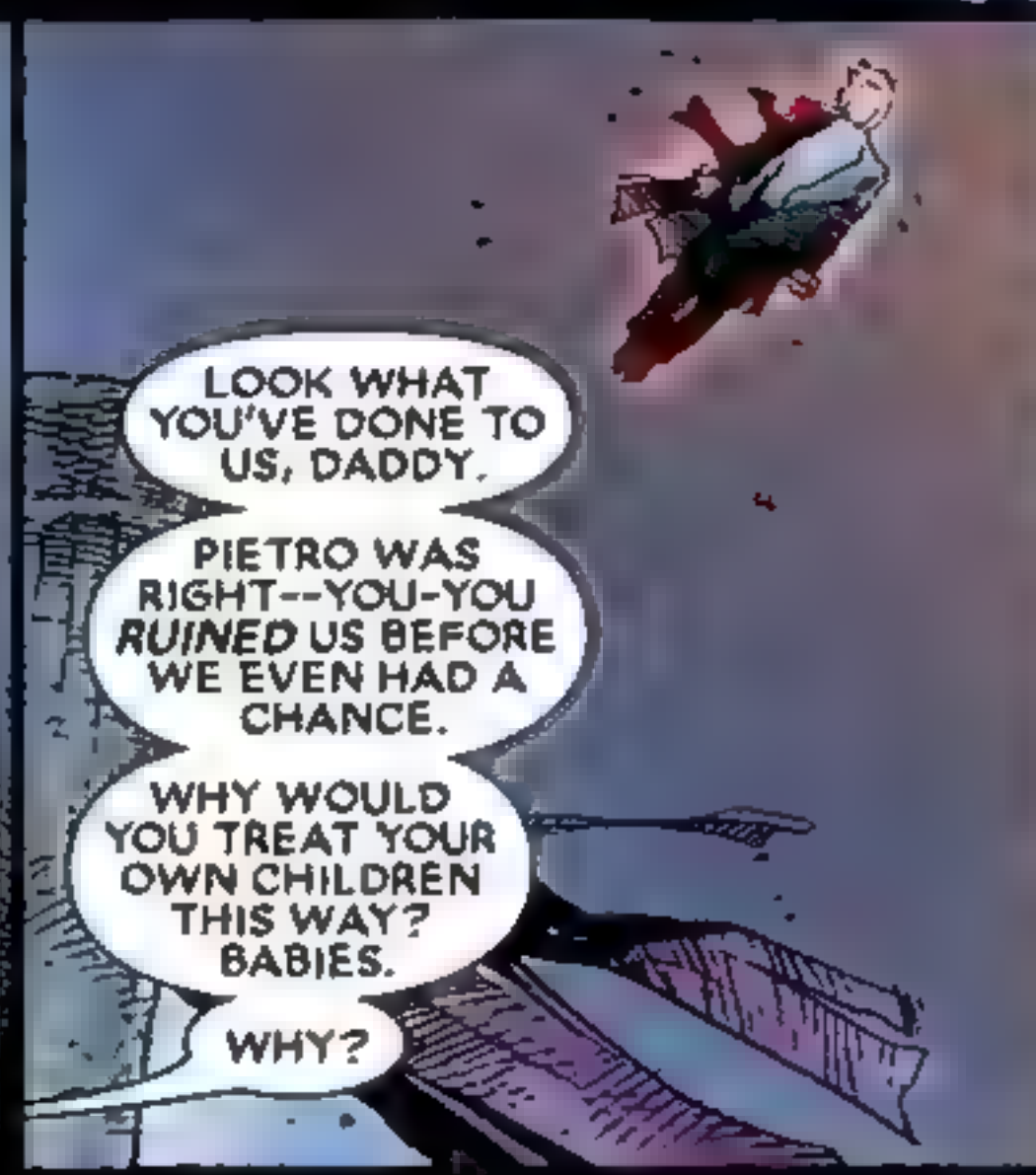
I CAN--

DO NOTHING TILL
DOCTOR STRANGE
SAYS. SHE'S TOO
WOUND UP.

DOCTOR?



HE--HE ONLY
WANTED YOU TO
BE HAPPY...

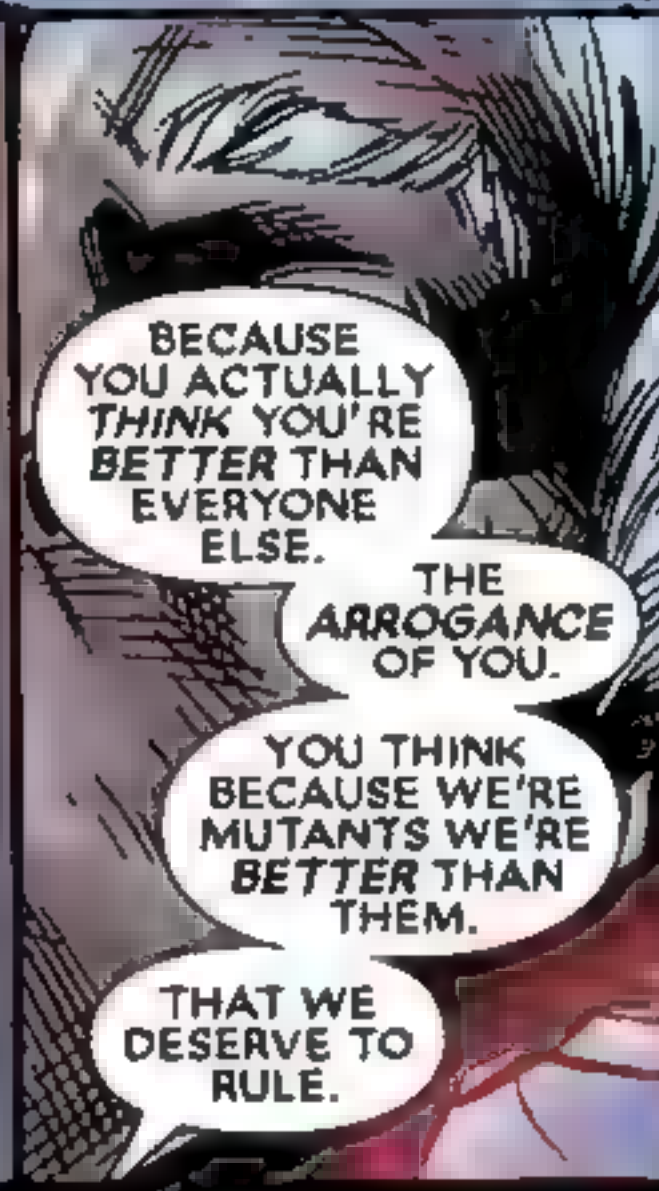


LOOK WHAT
YOU'VE DONE TO
US, DADDY.

PIETRO WAS
RIGHT--YOU-YOU
RUINED US BEFORE
WE EVEN HAD A
CHANCE.

WHY WOULD
YOU TREAT YOUR
OWN CHILDREN
THIS WAY?
BABIES.

WHY?

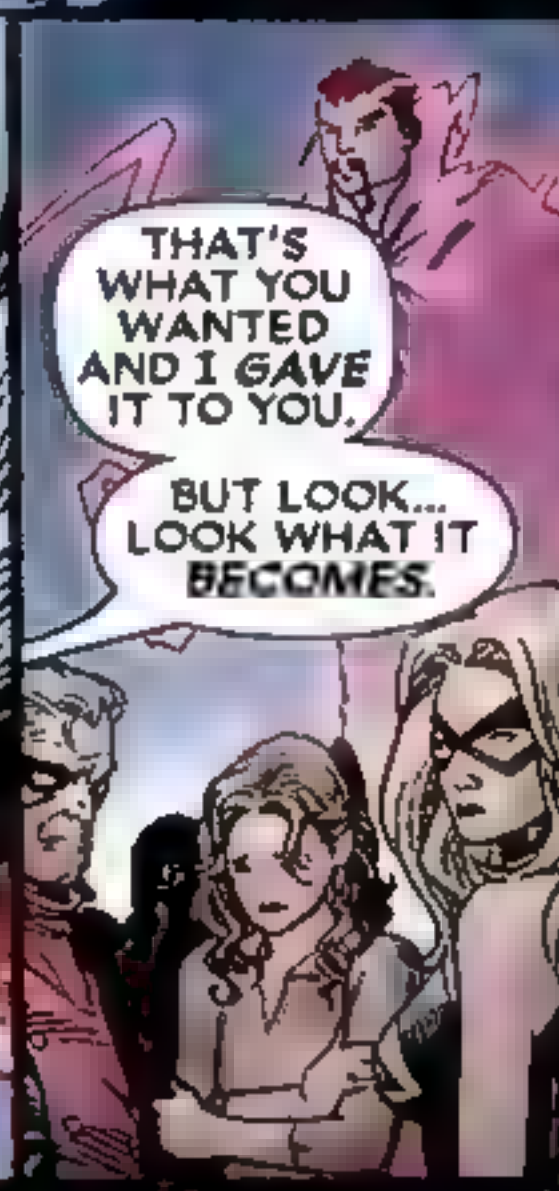


BECAUSE
YOU ACTUALLY
THINK YOU'RE
BETTER THAN
EVERYONE
ELSE.

THE
ARROGANCE
OF YOU.

YOU THINK
BECAUSE WE'RE
MUTANTS WE'RE
BETTER THAN
THEM.

THAT WE
DESERVE TO
RULE.



THAT'S
WHAT YOU
WANTED
AND I GAVE
IT TO YOU.

BUT LOOK...
LOOK WHAT IT
BECOMES.



EVEN WHEN
YOU GET WHAT
YOU WANT,
YOU'RE STILL
THIS HORRIBLE
MAN.

WE'RE NOT THE
NEXT STEP. WE'RE
NOT GODS.

WE'RE
FREAKS!!

LOOK AT US,
DADDY!!!!

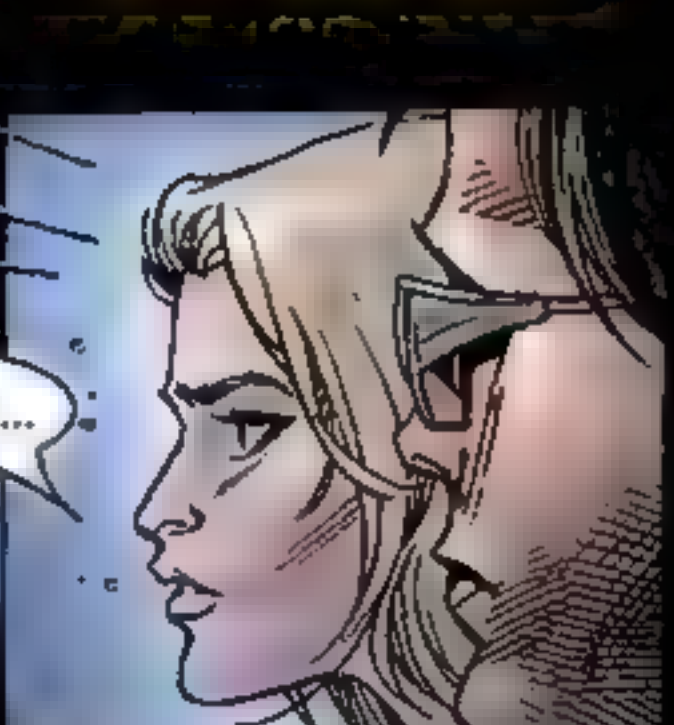
WE'RE
FREAKS!!

MUTANTS!!

YOU CHOSE
THIS OVER
US AND YOU
RUINED
US!!!



DADDY...



OH NO...





GO TO WORK, GET MARRIED
HAVE SOME KIDS, PAY YOUR TAXES
PAY YOUR BILLS, WATCH YOUR TV
FOLLOW FASHION, ACT NORMAL
OBEY THE LAW
AND REPEAT AFTER ME:
I AM FREE

Sawkes



EMPIRE